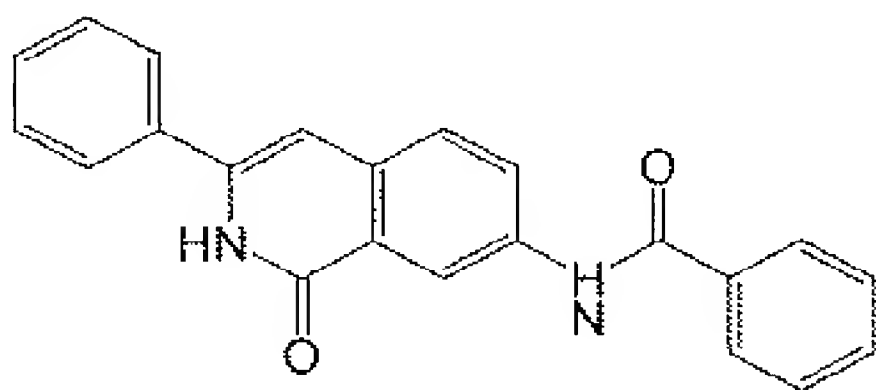


REMARKS

The Office Action and the cited and applied reference have been carefully reviewed. No claim is allowed. Claims 1-21 presently appear in this application and define patentable subject matter warranting their allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are hereby respectfully solicited.

Claim 1-3, 8 and 15-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Yagi et al. (Reference AD). The examiner takes the position that the compound



disclosed at page 52, Table 1 of Yagi anticipates the presently claimed compound. This rejection is obviated by the amendment to claims 1 and 3 to delete the recitation of an "aryl group" in the definition of R⁴ in favor of "1-naphthyl group, 2-naphthyl group", as supported in the definition of "aryl group" in paragraph [0035] on page 20 of the present specification. The claims as amended is not anticipated by the Yagi's compound because R⁴ is not a phenyl.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are therefore respectfully requested.

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In view of the above the claims comply with 35 U.S.C.
§112 and define patentable subject matter warranting their
allowance. Favorable consideration and early allowance are
earnestly urged.

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